

# VOTING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

## To vote in South Carolina, you must be a registered voter.

Statewide elections are held in June and November every two years. Municipal, school board, and special elections are held at various times.

### Voting at the Polling Place

Vote at your polling place located near the address where you are registered. Find your polling places at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or by contacting your county voter registration and elections office. Your polling place is open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Any voter in line at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

### Voting Absentee

Vote absentee in person at your county voter registration and elections office. Photo ID is required to vote absentee in person.

Get an application to vote absentee by mail from [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) or your county voter registration and elections office. Photo ID is not required to vote absentee by mail. Find a full list of reasons to vote absentee at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

### Assistance with Voting

Voters with disabilities and voters who are unable to read or write may receive assistance in voting.

### Curbside Voting

Voters who are unable to access the polling place or stand in line to vote due to a disability or being age 65 or older may vote in their vehicle.

### Provisional Ballots

A voter's ballot may be challenged if there is some question regarding the voter's qualifications. Voters who are challenged cast a provisional ballot. After the election, county election officials determine if a provisional ballot will be counted.

### Photo ID Requirements

At the polling place, you will be asked to provide one of the following types of photo identification:

- ⦿ S.C. Driver's License
  - Includes standard license and REAL ID
- ⦿ S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
  - Includes standard ID card, REAL ID, and SC Concealed Weapons Permit
- ⦿ S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo
- ⦿ Federal Military ID
  - Includes all Department of Defense Photo ID's and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card
- ⦿ U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport ID Card

### Voters without Photo ID

- ⦿ If you already have one of the Photo IDs above you are ready to vote. Be sure to bring your ID with you to the polling place.
- ⦿ If you don't have a Photo ID, make your voting experience as easy as possible by getting one before voting. Free Photo IDs are available at DMV and your county voter registration and elections office.
- ⦿ If you can't get a Photo ID, bring your non-photo voter registration card with you to the polls. You will be allowed to vote after signing an affidavit stating you have a reasonable impediment to obtaining Photo ID. The reasonable impediment could be a religious objection to being photographed, a disability or illness, your work schedule, lack of transportation or any other obstacle you find reasonable.
- ⦿ If you forget to bring your Photo ID with you to vote, you may vote a provisional ballot that will not count unless you show Photo ID to the county voter registration and elections office prior to certification of the election.

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## Voting System

The new paper-based voting system is easy to use touch screen voting with a secure paper record.

- Creates a paper record of every ballot cast. Paper ballots are used to verify election results adding an additional layer of security to South Carolina elections.



- Prevents overvotes (selecting more candidates than allowed).
- Warns voters about undervotes (voter missed an office or voted for fewer candidates than allowed).
- Prevents unintended or improper marks. Ballot-marking devices prevent hand-marking errors that can cause votes not to count.
- Accessible for all voters. Every voter can vote independently using the same equipment. Every ballot-marking device features an audio ballot and headphones, a braille-embossed controller, and an input for sip-and-puff switch and other assistive switches.
- Easy to use and familiar. Voters have a long history of voting on touch screens.



## For More Information

For more voter registration and election information contact your county voter registration and elections office or visit: [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

Ask your county voter registration and elections office for literature on any of the following topics:

- Voting in South Carolina
- Voter Registration in South Carolina
- Access for All Voters in South Carolina
- South Carolina's Paper-Based Voting System

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